

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_, MISSOURI  
(County where court is located)

In re the Marriage of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Jr./Sr./III)  
**Petitioner,** (Your full name should be entered here)

-and-

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Jr./Sr./III)  
**Respondent.** (Enter your spouse's full name here)

**Case No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Will be assigned when case is filed)

**Division No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Will be assigned when case is filed)

**Count I – Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**

**1. How many petitions have you filed in this case?**

- This is the first petition I have filed in this case. (Original Petition)
- This is the second petition I have filed in this case.
- This is the third petition I have filed in this case.

**2. Are you the Husband or the Wife?**

- I am the Wife.
- I am the Husband.

**3. What is your mailing address?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone Number) (E-Mail Address)

**4. What are the last four numbers of your social security number?**

XXX-XX- \_\_\_\_\_

**5. What is your spouse's mailing address?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone Number) (E-Mail Address)

**6. What are the last four numbers of your spouse's social security number?**

XXX-XX- \_\_\_\_\_

**7. DIRECTIONS FOR SERVICE ON RESPONDENT**

**How will your spouse receive legal notice of this proceeding?**

- Respondent has signed a verified "Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage" which is being filed with the "Petition for Dissolution of Marriage." Therefore, do not issue a summons.
- Respondent has signed a verified "Waiver of Service and Entry of Appearance" which is being filed with the "Petition for Dissolution of Marriage." Therefore, do not issue a summons.
- Respondent will voluntarily enter his/her appearance in this case and therefore summons should be issued but held in the Sheriff's office for this County. If a verified "Waiver of Service and Entry of Appearance" is not filed within thirty (30) days, this case may be dismissed without further notice to Petitioner.
- Summons should be served upon Respondent at his/her residence:

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Street)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(City)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(State)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Zip)*

- Summons should be served upon Respondent at his/her place of employment:

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Employer's Name - if applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Hours of Employment)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Street)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(City)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(State)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Zip)*

- Respondent cannot be served in Missouri. Therefore, service by registered mail is requested. A copy of the "Affidavit for Service by Mail" is attached to this form. See Missouri Supreme Court Rule 54.12(b)

- The whereabouts of Respondent are unknown and there is no way of contacting him or her. I have attempted to locate the Respondent and have been unable to do so. Therefore, service by publication will be required. A copy of the "Affidavit for Service by Publication" is attached to this form. Child support, maintenance or other money judgments will not be allowed against Respondent if service is by publication. Publication must be made in the County where this matter is filed in a newspaper of general circulation. See Missouri Supreme Court Rule 54.12(c).

- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number of Years)

9. In what country do you currently reside? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Country)

10. In what state do you currently reside and for what length of time have you resided in your state of residence?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State of Residence)                                            
Years    Months    Days  
(Length of Residence in this State)

11. In what county do you currently reside and for what length of time have you resided in your county of residence?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of County)                                            
Years    Months    Days  
(Length of Residence in this County)

12. What is your current employment status?

- Employed
- Unemployed
- Self-employed

13. If you are employed or self-employed, where do you currently work?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Employer's Name or type of self-employment)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City)                      (State)                      (Zip)

14. What is your total monthly gross income from all sources?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Total Monthly Gross Income)

15. Can you support yourself through the combined income from your employment and income from property that you will receive in the dissolution?

- Yes
- No

16. What is your spouse's age? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number of Years)

**17. In what country does your spouse currently reside?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Country)*

**18. In what state does your spouse currently reside and for what length of time has your spouse resided in his or her state of residence?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(State of Residence)*                                            
*Years    Months    Days*  
*(Length of Residence in this State)*

**19. In what county does your spouse currently reside and for what length of time has your spouse resided in his or her county of residence?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of County)*                                            
*Years    Months    Days*  
*(Length of Residence in this County)*

**20. If your spouse does not live in Missouri, did you and your spouse live together in Missouri during your marriage?**

- Yes.
- No.
- Not Applicable. (My spouse currently resides in Missouri)

**21. What is your spouse's current employment status?**

- Employed
- Unemployed
- Self-employed
- Unknown

**22. If your spouse is employed or self-employed, where does he or she currently work?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Employer's Name or type of self-employment)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Street)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(City)*                      \_\_\_\_\_  
*(State)*                      \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Zip)*

**23. What is your spouse's total monthly gross income from all sources?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Total Gross Monthly Income)*

**24. Can your spouse support him or herself through the combined income from his or her employment and income from property that he or she will receive in the dissolution?**

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

**25. Is your spouse on active duty in the military?**

- Yes
- No

**26. On what date were you married?** \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

**27. In what country, state and county did you get your marriage license?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Country) \_\_\_\_\_ (State)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of County)

**28. On what date did you and your spouse separate?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

**29. Is there any reasonable likelihood that your marriage can be preserved?**

- Yes
- No

**30. Is your marriage irretrievably broken?**

- Yes
- No

**31. State any arrangements which you and your spouse have made for the maintenance of the other party or the custody and support of any children.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**32. Is Wife pregnant?**

- Yes
- No

**33. How many living children do you and your spouse have together that were born after the date of your marriage?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number of Children)

**34. How many living children did you and your spouse adopt?**

                      
(Number of Children)

**35. How many living children do you and your spouse have together that were born before the date of your marriage?**

                      
(Number of Children)

**36. How many living children did Wife have with someone other than Husband that were born after the date of their marriage? (This number includes children born since the parties separated)**

                      
(Number of Children)

**37. Enter the total number of children from lines 33, 34, 35, and 36.**

                      
(Number of Children)

**NOTE: If line 37 is zero, then you may skip Questions 38 through 49 and go directly to Question 50.**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUESTIONS 38 THROUGH 41 PERTAINING TO CHILDREN**

Questions 38 through 41 each have 10 subparts lettered 'a' through 'j'. These subparts are arranged vertically in two columns on each page. Each of these two columns represents the information for one child. Question 38 pertains to the first child, Question 39 pertains to the second child, and so on.

**If you answered Question 37 with '0', you should skip Questions 38 through 49 and go directly to Question 50.**

**If you answered Question 37 with '1', you should answer Question 38 for the one child you listed in your answer to Question 37 and if the child is not emancipated, you should also answer questions 42 through 49 inclusive.**

**If you answered Question 37 with '2', you should answer Questions 38 and 39 for the two children you listed in your answer to Question 37. If either of the children is not emancipated, you should also answer questions 42 through 49 inclusive.**

**If you answered Question 37 with '3', you should answer Questions 38 through 40 for the three children you listed in your answer to Question 37. If any of the children are not emancipated, you should also answer questions 42 through 49 inclusive.**

**If you answered Question 37 with '4', you should answer Questions 38 through 41 for the four children you listed in your answer to Question 37. If any of the children are not emancipated, you should also answer questions 42 through 49 inclusive.**

**If you answered Question 37 with a number greater than '4', you should answer Questions 38 through 41 for the four children you listed in your answer to Question 37. Additionally, you should attach additional pages answering all the questions asked in Question 38 for each child you have in addition to the children you have described in Questions 38 through 41. If any of the children are not emancipated, you should also answer questions 42 through 49 inclusive.**

**You must list the children even if they are adults or if they are in someone else's custody. You must also list each child that was born after the date of the marriage even if Husband is not the father of the child.**

QUESTION 38 <small>(To be answered if the answer to question 37 is one or more)</small>	CHILD ONE
38a. What is the full name of this child?	a.
38b. What are the last four numbers of this child's Social Security Number?	b. XXX-XX-
38c. What is the current address of this child?	c.
38d. What is this child's age?	d.
<p>38e. Check all of the following boxes that apply: <span style="float: right;"><small>(To be answered for each child)</small></span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is married or is on active duty in the military.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is self-supporting, and the custodial parent has relinquished parental control over this child by express or implied consent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is over the age of 21, is not insolvent, and is not physically or mentally incapacitated from supporting himself or herself.</p> <p>This child is over the age of 18, has not yet reached the age of 21, is not insolvent, is not physically or mentally incapacitated from supporting himself or herself and one or more of the following is true:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is not currently enrolled in or attending high school or college.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child graduated from high school, but has not been continuously enrolled in college since October 1 immediately following his or her graduation from high school.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child graduated from high school and has been continuously enrolled in college since October 1 immediately following his or her graduation from high school, but has not completed at least 12 hours each semester or completed at least 9 hours and worked 15 hours per week during the same period. (This provision does not apply to a child who has been diagnosed with a learning disability, or whose physical disability or diagnosed health problem limits the child's ability to carry sufficient credit hours.)</p> <p><small>If the circumstances of the child manifestly dictate, the court may waive the October first deadline for enrollment. "College" means any junior college, community college, college or university at which the child attends classes regularly. As used in this form, "college" also includes any postsecondary training or schooling for which the student is assessed a fee and attends classes regularly.</small></p>	

**If you did not check any of the boxes in Question '38e', you must answer the rest of the information for this child on this page (parts '38f' through '38j') and you must also answer questions 42 through 49 for this child. This child IS NOT emancipated and the court must make orders with respect to custody and support of this child.**

**If you checked any of the boxes in Question '38e', you do not need to answer the rest of the information for this child and questions 42 through 49 do not apply to this child. This child IS emancipated.**

38f. With whom has this child primarily resided during the previous sixty days?	f.
38g. Who should have legal custody of this child? <small>NOTE: Legal custody refers to who will make the decisions concerning health, education and welfare for this child. RSMo §452.375.1(2)</small>	g. <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Husband/Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Third Person
38h. Who should have physical custody of this child? <small>NOTE: Physical custody refers to where this child will reside and what time this child spends with each parent. RSMo §452.375.1(3)</small>	h. <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Husband/Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Third Person
38i. Who is the father of this child? <small>If Husband is not the father of this child, you must state the name of each person who could be the father. This person(s) and this child must be joined as parties in this proceeding if Husband is not the father of this child.</small>	i. <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Other (State Name(s)) _____
38j. If this child was born prior to the marriage, is Husband listed as the father on the birth certificate? <small>Attach a copy of the birth certificate to this petition.</small>	j. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

QUESTION 39 <small>(To be answered if the answer to question 37 is two or more)</small>	CHILD TWO
39a. What is the full name of this child?	a.
39b. What are the last four numbers of this child's Social Security Number?	b. XXX-XX-
39c. What is the current address of this child?	c.
39d. What is this child's age?	d.
<p>39e. Check all of the following boxes that apply: <span style="float: right;"><small>(To be answered for each child)</small></span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is married or is on active duty in the military.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is self-supporting, and the custodial parent has relinquished parental control over this child by express or implied consent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is over the age of 21, is not insolvent, and is not physically or mentally incapacitated from supporting himself or herself.</p> <p>This child is over the age of 18, has not yet reached the age of 21, is not insolvent, is not physically or mentally incapacitated from supporting himself or herself and one or more of the following is true:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is not currently enrolled in or attending high school or college.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child graduated from high school, but has not been continuously enrolled in college since October 1 immediately following his or her graduation from high school.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child graduated from high school and has been continuously enrolled in college since October 1 immediately following his or her graduation from high school, but has not completed at least 12 hours each semester or completed at least 9 hours and worked 15 hours per week during the same period. (This provision does not apply to a child who has been diagnosed with a learning disability, or whose physical disability or diagnosed health problem limits the child's ability to carry sufficient credit hours.)</p> <p><small>If the circumstances of the child manifestly dictate, the court may waive the October first deadline for enrollment. "College" means any junior college, community college, college or university at which the child attends classes regularly. As used in this form, "college" also includes any postsecondary training or schooling for which the student is assessed a fee and attends classes regularly.</small></p>	

**If you did not check any of the boxes in Question '39e', you must answer the rest of the information for this child on this page (parts '39f' through '39j') and you must also answer questions 42 through 49 for this child. This child IS NOT emancipated and the court must make orders with respect to custody and support of this child.**

**If you checked any of the boxes in Question '39e', you do not need to answer the rest of the information for this child and questions 42 through 49 do not apply to this child. This child IS emancipated.**

39f. With whom has this child primarily resided during the previous sixty days?	f.
39g. Who should have legal custody of this child? <small>NOTE: Legal custody refers to who will make the decisions concerning health, education and welfare for this child. RSMo §452.375.1(2)</small>	g. <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Husband/Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Third Person
39h. Who should have physical custody of this child? <small>NOTE: Physical custody refers to where this child will reside and what time this child spends with each parent. RSMo §452.375.1(3)</small>	h. <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Husband/Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Third Person
39i. Who is the father of this child? <small>If Husband is not the father of this child, you must state the name of each person who could be the father. This person(s) and this child must be joined as parties in this proceeding if Husband is not the father of this child.</small>	i. <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Other (State Name(s)) _____
39j. If this child was born prior to the marriage, is Husband listed as the father on the birth certificate? <small>Attach a copy of the birth certificate to this petition.</small>	j. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable



QUESTION 40 <i>(To be answered if the answer to question 37 is three or more)</i>	CHILD THREE
40a. What is the full name of this child?	a.
40b. What are the last four numbers of this child's Social Security Number?	b. XXX-XX-
40c. What is the current address of this child?	c.
40d. What is this child's age?	d.
<p>40e. Check all of the following boxes that apply: <span style="float: right;"><i>(To be answered for each child)</i></span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is married or is on active duty in the military.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is self-supporting, and the custodial parent has relinquished parental control over this child by express or implied consent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is over the age of 21, is not insolvent, and is not physically or mentally incapacitated from supporting himself or herself.</p> <p>This child is over the age of 18, has not yet reached the age of 21, is not insolvent, is not physically or mentally incapacitated from supporting himself or herself and one or more of the following is true:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is not currently enrolled in or attending high school or college.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child graduated from high school, but has not been continuously enrolled in college since October 1 immediately following his or her graduation from high school.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child graduated from high school and has been continuously enrolled in college since October 1 immediately following his or her graduation from high school, but has not completed at least 12 hours each semester or completed at least 9 hours and worked 15 hours per week during the same period. (This provision does not apply to a child who has been diagnosed with a learning disability, or whose physical disability or diagnosed health problem limits the child's ability to carry sufficient credit hours.)</p> <p><i>If the circumstances of the child manifestly dictate, the court may waive the October first deadline for enrollment. "College" means any junior college, community college, college or university at which the child attends classes regularly. As used in this form, "college" also includes any postsecondary training or schooling for which the student is assessed a fee and attends classes regularly.</i></p>	

**If you did not check any of the boxes in Question '40e', you must answer the rest of the information for this child on this page (parts '40f' through '40j') and you must also answer questions 42 through 49 for this child. This child IS NOT emancipated and the court must make orders with respect to custody and support of this child.**

**If you checked any of the boxes in Question '40e', you do not need to answer the rest of the information for this child and questions 42 through 49 do not apply to this child. This child IS emancipated.**

40f. With whom has this child primarily resided during the previous sixty days?	f.
40g. Who should have legal custody of this child? <i>NOTE: Legal custody refers to who will make the decisions concerning health, education and welfare for this child. RSMo §452.375.1(2)</i>	g. <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Husband/Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Third Person
40h. Who should have physical custody of this child? <i>NOTE: Physical custody refers to where this child will reside and what time this child spends with each parent. RSMo §452.375.1(3)</i>	h. <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Husband/Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Third Person
40i. Who is the father of this child? <i>If Husband is not the father of this child, you must state the name of each person who could be the father. This person(s) and this child must be joined as parties in this proceeding if Husband is not the father of this child.</i>	i. <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Other (State Name(s)) _____
40j. If this child was born prior to the marriage, is Husband listed as the father on the birth certificate? <i>Attach a copy of the birth certificate to this petition.</i>	j. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

QUESTION 41 <i>(To be answered if the answer to question 37 is four or more)</i>	CHILD FOUR
41a. What is the full name of this child?	a.
41b. What are the last four numbers of this child's Social Security Number?	b. XXX-XX-
41c. What is the current address of this child?	c.
41d. What is this child's age?	d.
<p>41e. Check all of the following boxes that apply: <span style="float: right;"><i>(To be answered for each child)</i></span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is married or is on active duty in the military.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is self-supporting, and the custodial parent has relinquished parental control over this child by express or implied consent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is over the age of 21, is not insolvent, and is not physically or mentally incapacitated from supporting himself or herself.</p> <p>This child is over the age of 18, has not yet reached the age of 21, is not insolvent, is not physically or mentally incapacitated from supporting himself or herself and one or more of the following is true:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child is not currently enrolled in or attending high school or college.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child graduated from high school, but has not been continuously enrolled in college since October 1 immediately following his or her graduation from high school.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This child graduated from high school and has been continuously enrolled in college since October 1 immediately following his or her graduation from high school, but has not completed at least 12 hours each semester or completed at least 9 hours and worked 15 hours per week during the same period. (This provision does not apply to a child who has been diagnosed with a learning disability, or whose physical disability or diagnosed health problem limits the child's ability to carry sufficient credit hours.)</p> <p><i>If the circumstances of the child manifestly dictate, the court may waive the October first deadline for enrollment. "College" means any junior college, community college, college or university at which the child attends classes regularly. As used in this form, "college" also includes any postsecondary training or schooling for which the student is assessed a fee and attends classes regularly.</i></p>	

**If you did not check any of the boxes in Question '41e', you must answer the rest of the information for this child on this page (parts '41f' through '41j') and you must also answer questions 42 through 49 for this child. This child IS NOT emancipated and the court must make orders with respect to custody and support of this child.**

**If you checked any of the boxes in Question '41e', you do not need to answer the rest of the information for this child and questions 42 through 49 do not apply to this child. This child IS emancipated.**

41f. With whom has this child primarily resided during the previous sixty days?	f.
41g. Who should have legal custody of this child? <i>NOTE: Legal custody refers to who will make the decisions concerning health, education and welfare for this child. RSMo §452.375.1(2)</i>	g. <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Husband/Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Third Person
41h. Who should have physical custody of this child? <i>NOTE: Physical custody refers to where this child will reside and what time this child spends with each parent. RSMo §452.375.1(3)</i>	h. <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Husband/Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Third Person
41i. Who is the father of this child? <i>If Husband is not the father of this child, you must state the name of each person who could be the father. This person(s) and this child must be joined as parties in this proceeding if Husband is not the father of this child.</i>	i. <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Other (State Name(s)) _____
41j. If this child was born prior to the marriage, is Husband listed as the father on the birth certificate? <i>Attach a copy of the birth certificate to this petition.</i>	j. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

# Additional Information about Unemancipated Children

Questions 42 through 49 below pertain to all unemancipated children listed in your answers to questions 38 through 41. If there are no unemancipated children, you may skip questions 42 through 49 and go directly to question 50 on page 12 of this Petition. The information on this page is required under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, RSMo. §452.700 et. seq. and under RSMo. §454.501.

**42. State all addresses at which the unemancipated children have resided during the past five years and the name of the person or persons with whom said children resided.**

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**43. Do you know of anyone other than you or your spouse that has physical custody of any of the unemancipated children or claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to any of the unemancipated children?**

- Yes  
 No

**44. Do you have any information of any other custody proceeding concerning any of the unemancipated children pending in a court of this or any other state?**

- Yes  
 No

**45. Have you participated in any other litigation concerning the custody of any of the unemancipated children in this or any other state?**

- Yes  
 No

**46. Have any of the unemancipated children been a victim of abuse or neglect?**

- Yes  
 No

**47. If you answered "Yes" to questions 43, 44, 45, or 46 please explain.**

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**48. Have any orders pertaining to any of the unemancipated children been entered by the Family Support Division?**

- Yes, I have attached a copy of the order to this petition.  
 No

**49. Are you or your spouse currently receiving benefits pursuant to TANF?**

- Yes  
 No  
 Unknown

